THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) The Tatkaal Scheme has been implemented with effect from 1.1.2000 in recognition of the genuine need of some passport applicants for out-of-turn issue of passports. Under this Scheme, for an additional fee, passports will be issued on an out-of-turn basis to eligible applicants within seven working days who have a valid reason for urgent travel abroad and includes minors upto 15 years of age, cases of re-issue and duplicate passports where there is no change in address of applicant, all cases where a verification certificate from an authorised official is available and all employees of Central/State Government, Public Sector Undertakings, Armed Forces and their spouses where NOC from the Head of Department is available.

(c) There has been no noticeable impact on the applicants of the general category on account of issue of passports under the Tatkaal Scheme.

Model for Globalisation

1561. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently at New Delhi he has stated that India would chart out its own course in the globalisation process as no system in the world could work without answering the demands of the poor; and

(b) if so, the details of the model for globalisation to be adopted by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) In his inauguration speech at the CII Partnership Summit in New Delhi in January 2000, the External Affairs Minister stated that in the management of globalisation, the issues relating to the poor cannot be ignored.

(b) The model of globalisation adopted by the Government of India has encompassed, *inter-alia,* the following gradual reduction of import tariffs and removal of quantitative restrictions; liberalisation in FDI by allowing foreign equity participation in almost all the sectors except a few; gradual liberalisation of the norms of FII investment with progressive enhancement of the cap; allowing Indian companies of float ADR/GDR; progressive liberalisation of ECB guidelines; allowing exchange rate to be market determined; making the rupee

convertible on current account; cautious and gradual approach towards liberalisation of capital account; an active participation in the deliberations on new International Financial Architecture and in G-20.

Expulsion of diplomats by India and Pakistan

1562. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently expelled Pakistani diplomats and in retaliations the Pakistan has also expelled Indian diplomats there;

(b) if so, whether the expulsion of diplomats by both the countries have strained further relations; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction on such expulsions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (c) On 18.2.2000, Pakistan was asked to withdraw Mr. Mohammad Khalil, Mr. Rana Mohammad Saghir and Mr. Muhammad Amin, staff members at Pakistan High Commission, New Delhi by 25.2.2000 as they were found to be indulging in activities incompatible with their official status. These officials left India within the stipulated time period. In retaliation and on false and baseless allegations, Pakistan sought the withdrawal of S/Shri Gopal Chander Roy, Asit Baran Das and R.Sankaranarayanan, staff mbembers at Indian High Commission in Islamabad, by 27.2.2000. These officials have returned to India.

The continuing harassment and intimidation of the personnel of our Mission in Islamabad, of which these retaliatory expulsions were a part, are contrary to all accepted norms of conduct towards accredited Mission personnel. Such conduct is naturally not conducive to improving bilateral relations between the two countries.

Lifting of trade control regime by United States

1563. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States propose to lift-certain trade control regimes/ technological blockades, including dual sue technology that were imposed on India since the Pokharan nuclear test;